Pending cases in the Guwahati High Court

2554. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases lying pending in the Guwahati High Court on State-wise basis of the North-east States;

(b) the number of judges working at present in the court;

(c) the benches now opened in different States of the North-East Region;

(d) whether there is any provision for opening a new High Court; and

(e) the rate of disposal of pending cases in comparision with other High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The pendency of cases in the Guwahati High Court and its benches as on 30.6.1996 was as follows:

(i) Principal Seat Guwahati High Court	21,909
(ii) Kohima Bench (Nagaland)	236
(iii) Shillong Bench (Meghalaya)	504
(iv) Imphal Bench (Manipur)	6,041
(v) Agartala Bench (Tripura)	3,576
(vi) Aizwal (Mizoram)	270
Total:	32,536

(b) As on 1.3.97, there were 15 permanent/Additional Judges in position in the Guwahati High Court against the sanctioned strength of 18 permanent/Additional Judges.

(c) At present, there are 5 permanent Benches of the Guwahati High Court at Kohima (Nagaland), Aizwal (Mizoram), Imphal (Manipur), Agartala (Tripura) and Shillong (Meghalaya).

(d) There is no move to open a new High Court in the North-Eastern regions.

(e) The percentage of disposal to institution in the Guwahati High Court during the year 1995 was 88.2% as compared to the National Average of 94.5% of all the High Courts.

Functioning of National Academy for Training of Judges

2555. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSITCE be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the National Academy for Training of Judges is functioning properly;

(b) the quantum of money is spent on this purpose annualy;

(c) what are the details of training programmes;

(d) whether any evaluation has since been done in this regard; and

(e) what steps are contemplated to enhance the standard of this academy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (e) The National Judicial Academy was registered, under the Societies Registration Act, with the Registrar of the Societies, Delhi on 17th August, 1993. The Academy is being funded as a Central Project. The Governing Council of the Academy is responsible for its management. The Chairman of the Governing Council is the Chief Justice of India. At present, the office of the Academy is located in Supreme Court premises at New Delhi and has a Director General, a Registrar and some supporting staff. The Academy will be fully operational after its building is completed at Bhopal and its teaching staff is in position.

The expenditure incurred by the Academy since its inception is as follows:—

Financial Year	Expenses on Admn./Academic Activities Rs.	Expenses on Construction Activities Rs.	Total Expenses Rs.
1993-94	38,206.00	—	38,206.00
1994-95	228,343.00	20,047.00	248,390.00
1995-96	485,671.00	15,50,391.00	20,36,062.00
1996-97 (upto 28.2.97)	976,365.00	364,76,901.00	374,53,266.00

Some progress in imparting training has been made and a number of programmes have been conducted at different places. A study team was set up by the Academy at the end of 1995. This team, with professional assistance from the Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems, San Francisco, California, developed a module on Court and Judicial Case Management with a view to speed up disposal of pending cases. The Academy conducted working seminars of three days each in 4 High Courts in Sept./Oct., 1996. A Training Programme for 73 Judicial and other Officers of various High Courts on Court Management was held at Hyderabad in Sept./Oct., 1996. An orientation course on 'Gender & Law' was conducted for Judicial Officers in 1996 in New Delhi and Warwick (U.K.). A second such course has already commenced in Feb., 1997. An international seminar on 'Regional perspective on Gender Equality' was organised in Jan., 1997. A Judicial Colloquim on 'Facets of Gender Equality' was organised in New Delhi in Feb., 1997. The training programmes conducted so far have been found to be very useful by the participants.

मध्य प्रदेश के पर्यटक स्थलों पर ध्वनि और प्रकाश कार्यक्रम

2556. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या **पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा किन-किन पर्यटक स्थलों पर ध्वनि और प्रकाश कार्यक्रम बनाकर केन्द्र सरकार से मदद मांगी गई है;

(ख) केन्द्र सरकार ने अब तक उनमें से कितने पर्यटक स्थलों के लिए मदद दी है; और

(ग) अन्य पर्यटन स्थलों के लिए मदद न दिए जाने के कारण क्या है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जैना): (क) से (ग) ग्वालियर किले में मन-मंदिर महल में ध्वनि-व-प्रकाश प्रदर्शन के लिए केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता के रूप में वर्ष 1985-86 के दौरान 28.83 लाख रुपए की राशि स्वीकृत की गई है। परियोजना चालू कर दी गई है।

मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा ओरछा/माण्डू/चित्रकूट में ध्वनि व प्रकाश प्रदर्शन के लिए एक अन्य प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया गया था परन्तु स्वीकृत करने के लिए उस पर विचार नहीं किया जा सका क्योंकि प्रस्ताव के लिए अपेक्षित पूर्ण और विस्तृत सूचना राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

Tourist potential of Gir Forest Sancturies in Junagadh district

2557. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist projects in Gujarat sanctioned by government in the current plan;

(b) the details of the projects under implementation;

(c) the details of the projects completed so far;